

TOWN OF GANANOQUE  
Trails and Urban Forest Minutes for March 19, 2014  
Held at the Works Board Room 9:08 am

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**PRESENT:** Peter Murray (Chair), Bill Sheppard, Jim Garrah, John Cornish, Doug Bickerton (Sec)  
Regrets: Joe Watkins, John MacLeod.

The purpose of this meeting is to further the long range planning and goal setting for sustainability of the Gananogue Trails System and the Urban Forest.  
As well this is a regular committee meeting.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS:** None.

**PECUNIARY INTEREST / CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None.

**Motion:** Jim and Bill: That the Agenda be accepted as presented. Carried.

**Motion:** Bill and John C: That the minutes of the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting be accepted as circulated. Carried.

**Trees (Urban Forest):**

**a) Review of the Draft Sustainable Trail Plan:**

Peters draft "Sustainability Plan" was reviewed. It was decided to create a "Summary" for the plan, which will be an outline of the plan with conclusions.

John C will work on this for the next meeting.

**b) Schedule for the Spring Opening of the Trails:**

Sue Smith should be involved in discussions as well as the Sustainability Plan.

Peter will take the Sustainability Plan to Sue and ask her about attending a special meeting before March 31, so she can better plan the April work schedule.

**c) Ontario Trails Council Reports:**

The OTC Weekly Reports will continue to be forwarded to Doug, Jim, Rick and Bill by Peter. The other members don't want them. Peter will try to flag articles that he finds interesting, so the above members won't miss them.

**d) New Business:**

Doug mentioned that we forgot to put up the "Trail Closed" signs last Tuesday.

Doug and John C will install the signs for one day next week.

**Trails:**

a) Bill reported on the **Emerald Ash Borer training workshop** in Kingston on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Peter, Doug, Bill, Sue Smith and Bob Small attended. It was a very informative set of presentations and confirmed that our committee is on track with the recommended practices.

**b) Action Resulting from the EAB Workshop:**

We should get together with Bob and Sue to review our position on the EAB and the Town Budget and then be prepared to report back to Council. Also, Sue should ask Council for permission to go ahead with the tender for the TreeAzin injections so that we can take advantage of the window for spring injections in May.

**c) Spring Clean Up of the Ice Storm Damage:**

**Peter and Doug** will talk to Rick about it.

**d) Memorial Trees in the Arboretum:**

The date is still uncertain for the dedication ceremony.

**e) New Business:** None.

**Next Meeting:** Sub Committee: To Be Decided

Special Meeting with Sue Smith: April 10, 2014, 9:30 am at the Works Dept boardroom.

Regular Meeting: Wednesday, April 16, 2014, 9:00 am at the Works Dept boardroom.

Doug Bickerton, Secretary March 19, 2014